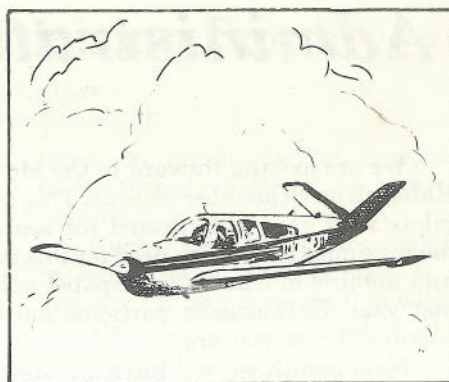


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Svendsen Wins Award

Jon Svendsen, formerly of Billings, won the Most Unique Classic Aircraft Award at the Experimental Aircraft Association Annual Fly-In at Oshkosh, Wisconsin the beginning of August.

Jon purchased the 1955 Super Aero 45 (made in Czechoslovakia) in England. The aircraft has two 105 horsepower Walter Minor engines and cruises at 125 knots. It also has a single engine service ceiling of 4,500 feet and comfortably cruises at 17,000 feet full gross.

The Super Aero originally was purchased by a private air taxi company in Czechoslovakia and was sold to a business in France where it was also used for air taxi work. Several years later the plane was sold to another air taxi operator in England. Amazingly enough the total time on the airplane when Jon purchased it in 1978 was 1,250 hours!

Jon, born and raised in Norway, moved to Billings in 1967 where he received flight training from Combs Airways. He was a flight instructor and flew charter for Combs for several years and later flew mail. Jon flew six transatlantic flights in Convairs while working as operations director for Combs.

We'd like to congratulate Jon on the award!



Jon Svendsen with his Most Unique Classic Aircraft Award presented at the Experimental Aircraft Association Fly-In, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Back Again

Owners of most U.S.-registered fixed-wing aircraft will be required to paint 12-inch high registration numbers on their aircraft, but FAA said the use of larger numbers will be phased in gradually. In a notice of a proposed rule making issued July 31, the agency said an earlier rule change—which permitted the use of three-inch numbers on aircraft with maximum speeds of under 180 knots “has resulted in identification problems at airports” and that “a high rate of traffic flow cannot be maintained safely without effective visual identification of all aircraft.”

The new NPRM would permit operations of gliders, airships, balloons and experimental exhibition and experimental home-built aircraft to continue using the smaller three-inch numbers. In addition, FAA said that aircraft required to use the larger numbers “would be allowed to continue to display those marks until the aircraft is repainted or the marks (numbers) are repainted, refurbished or changed.” Comments on the proposal should be submitted by September 29 to FAA, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attn: Rules Docket (AGC-204), Docket No. 20424, 800 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20591.

HELP HELP HELP

The Montana Aeronautics Division is trying to identify powerlines throughout the state which may be hazardous to aircraft.

As you may recall, the Montana Pilots Association attempted to have legislation passed during the last session of legislature which would by law require that the power companies adequately mark any hazardous powerlines. This legislation did not pass.

Montana Power Company and Montana-Dakota Utilities have agreed, however, to work with us in identifying and marking powerlines. We've advised them of all the powerlines presently known to us which may be a hazard to aircraft, but your assistance in providing us with additional information on hazardous powerline crossings will help make flying safer for all.

Administrator's Column

We are looking forward to the Mountain Search Pilot Clinic to be held in Kalispell on September 26 to 28. This program provides vital training for those pilots who have volunteered for search and rescue activities in Montana's mountainous areas. The need for this type of training has long been recognized and the first of what is anticipated to be an annual program was inaugurated last year. Enthusiastic participation in last year's clinic was evidence of a successful new venture.

Next month we will have a review of this year's clinic.

I am pleased to welcome Evelyn Sedivy to our Aeronautics Division staff. Evelyn is the Supervisor of our Aerospace and Safety Education programs. Evelyn comes to us with outstanding credentials which appear in the article on page 3.

The Aeronautics Division hosted a meeting between the Civil Aeronautics Board and Montana airport managers on September 3. John Smith, Director of the Office of Community and Congressional Relations, Civil Aeronautics Board, flew to Montana for a meeting with airport representatives from airports in Montana served by the commercial airlines. It was a good opportunity for the individuals present to voice their concern about the air carriers trend in reduction and cut back of service.

Mr. Smith advised those present of several ways to make sure that their communities receive adequate air service. He suggested that each community get involved in a public awareness and promotion plan by which the general public will be made aware of the needs to support *their* airline. Some legal steps were also discussed.

It is this office's desire to work with each community in the state to make sure that the best possible service is made available to them.

I attended a joint Montana-Idaho Civil Air Patrol exercise in West Yellowstone on August 23 and 24. The FAA also sponsored a Density Altitude Clinic in conjunction with the exercise.

Approximately 100 people showed up for the event and many participated in the density altitude clinic.

The Aeronautics Board will be holding a hearing on September 24 to hear evidence on a application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity filed by Flight Line, Inc., Belgrade, MT.

Flight Line proposes to fly a commuter route between Bozeman - Helena - Great Falls.

The hearing will be held at the Aeronautics Division, Aeronautics Board room, Airport Road in Helena commencing at 10:00 a.m.



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Creative Press

Whirly-Girl Scholarship

Applicants are now being accepted for the two Whirly-Girls 1980 Scholarships which will be awarded next January to two deserving women pilots for use toward obtaining an initial and an add-on helicopter rating.

Each year since 1968, the Whirly-Girls, international women helicopter pilots, have awarded the Doris Mullen Whirly-Girls Scholarship in memory of Whirly-Girl #84, Doris Mullen. This \$3,000 scholarship will be awarded to assist a woman pilot in obtaining a helicopter rating.

Scholarship applicants must hold a current pilot certificate, demonstrate financial need, explain the usefulness of a helicopter rating to her present or future helicopter-related career, and intend to make use of the helicopter rating to further involvement of women in helicopter-related activities.

Deadline for receipt of applications is October 31, 1980. They may be obtained from the Whirly-Girls, Suite 700, 1725 Del Sales Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

FAA Aviation /Safety Meeting

The FAA Region office has embarked on a series of Aviation Forums designed to draw out aviation community concerns and to communicate the latest news on FAA programs and activities.

Each of the forums was scheduled in conjunction with an Accident Prevention Safety Meeting. The Safety Meeting - Aviation Forum for Montana will be held in Billings on October 22 at the Ramada Inn, Muldowney Lane & Interstate 90 from 7 to 10 p.m.

This is your chance to ask questions and air your views. Let the FAA know how you feel.

New Aeronautics Division Employees

By: Paula Lindsey
Administrative Assistant

Evelyn Sedivy

The Division has hired Evelyn Sedivy as the Supervisor of Aviation and Space Education.

Evelyn is from Lincoln, Nebraska, and comes to us with excellent recommendations and qualifications. With a Masters Degree in Aviation Education, commercial, flight instructor, instrument and multi-engine pilots ratings; 99's International Chairman of Aerospace Education; Chairman of the Nebraska Association of Aerospace Educators and involved in numerous aviation related organizations, we feel we've found the right person for the job.

Evelyn stated that she is very excited about the programs offered within the state by the Division. She commented that the State of Montana, as compared to other states, is very progressive in offering aviation related clinics and seminars.

Evelyn hopes to develop ways of providing worthwhile resource material and teaching aids to educators within the state. She has already considered several new films to be added to the film library for use by educators, pilot organizations, and civic groups.

Having been involved in the 99's, Evelyn is looking forward to participating in the Montana Chapter. She



Evelyn Sedivy, new Supervisor of the Aviation and Aerospace Education program for the Division.

hopes to familiarize other women pilots throughout the state with the organization and its function.

Evelyn stated that she is willing to serve as a resource person or speaker for any organization within the state that is interested in aviation.

The Division is looking forward to working with Evelyn and we're sure you will too.

Ron Dent



Ron Dent, new Airport Manager of the state-owned Yellowstone Airport.

Ron Dent is the new Yellowstone Airport Manager, replacing Ted Mathis.

Ron, 33, was chief of operations and maintenance at Jackson Hole Airport for 1½ years before accepting the job at West Yellowstone.

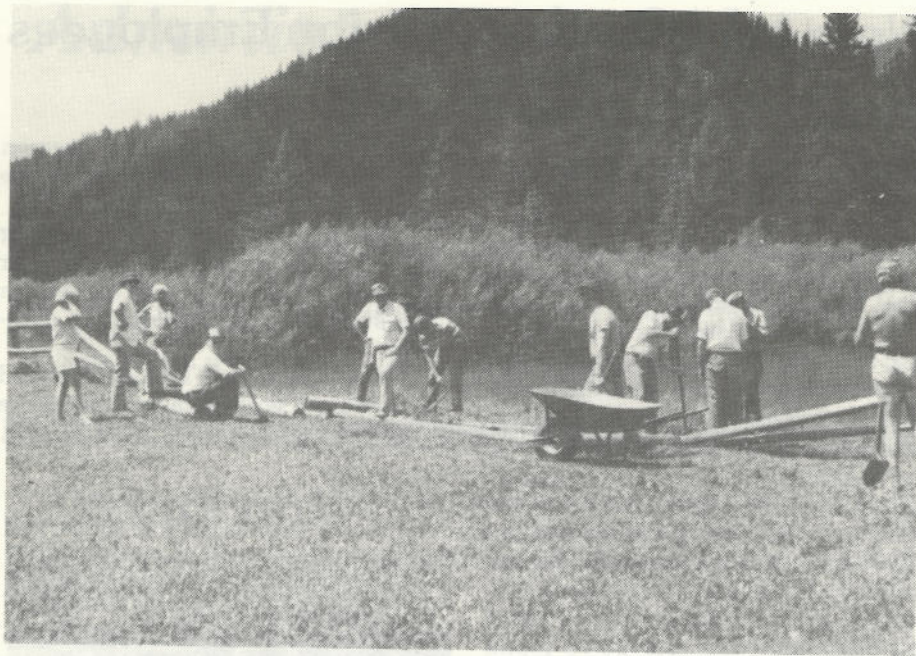
He also worked for six years as a Yellowstone National Park Ranger.

Ron's job responsibilities include maintaining safe equipment, such as runway lighting, enforcing air carrier security regulations and keeping the field in attractive "showcase quality."

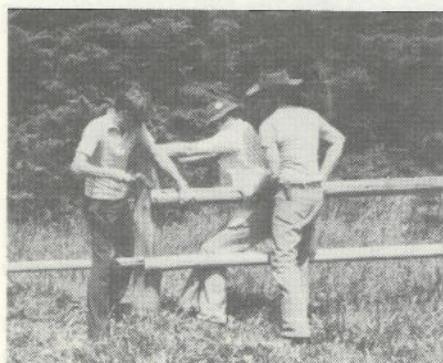
He said he also hopes to work closely with the Chamber of Commerce to attract more tourists to West Yellowstone through air travel. Ron is very interested in attracting more of the general aviation community.

The Division is pleased to welcome Ron on staff.

Schafer



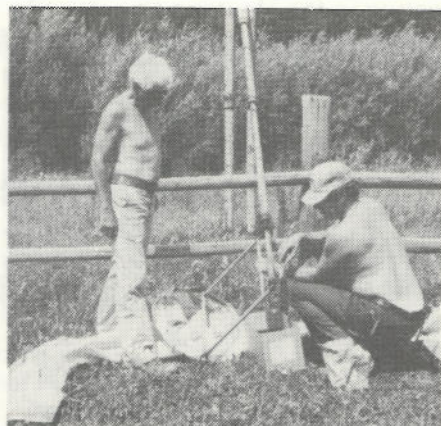
Herb Sammons, Cut Bank, Aeronautics Board Secretary and Chairman of the Schafer Meadows Fly-in.



Part of the work crew spent a considerable amount of time on Saturday afternoon repairing the fence around the airstrip.



Coming in for a landing.

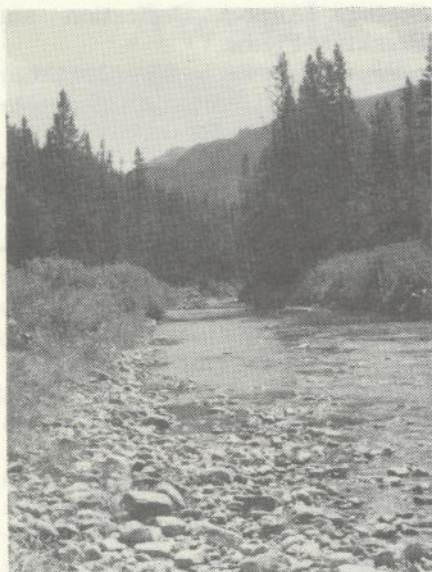


Bill Merrick, Aeronautics Board member, left, assisted Jerry Burrows with the installation of two new windsocks for the airstrip.



Both of the windsock standards were painted during the work session.

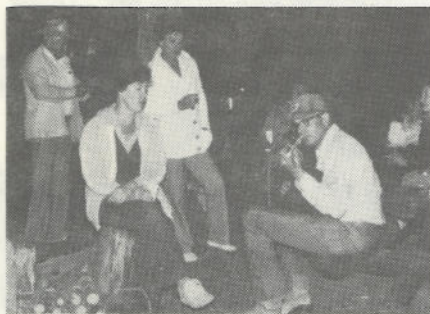
Meadows



The Dolly Varden Creek, just south of Schafer Meadows. It was beautiful weather, gorgeous scenery and a good time for all.



Jerry Burrows, left, and Mike Ferguson, of the Division, posted two signs at Schafer Meadows reminding pilots to use 122.9 MHz.



Of course, not all was work. Here's Saturday night around the campfire with Larry Larson on guitar and Becci Jones (seated) leading in song.



The Aeronautics Board was pleased to have Frank and Rose Wiley in attendance during their meeting. Left to right, Herb Sammons, Bill Merrick, Rose Wiley, Merle Thorstad, Frank Wiley, Al Newby, Richard O'Brien, and Michael Ferguson.



No trip to Schafer Meadows is complete without a rock picking session!



Lee Baker, Lewistown (left) and Al Newby, Belgrade, sat down to handle some real business during the fly-in.



Breakfast at dawn — left to right, Leona Stroh, Dick Stroh, Herb Sammons, Ruth Smith, and Don Smith.

Who Turned That On?



By: Jerry Burrows
Aviation Representative

Please check your ELT to be sure that it isn't on after landing. Simply tune in your radio to receive 121.5 MHz and listen — its just takes a few seconds.

A few moments of your time after each flight may save dozens of man-hours for our office (the coordinator for Montana's aircraft search and rescue), the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Scott A.F.B. (the national coordinator), Salt Lake Center, numerous flight service stations, law enforcements agencies and countless volunteer Montana pilots, not to mention the hundreds of dollars that is expended for gas, oil, etc.

Your ELT can be set off for no apparent reason. In the last few weeks a governmental helicopter, an aircraft belonging to a flying rancher and an aircraft tied down on a small municipal airport were the cause of aerial searches. All were located safe on the ground and the ELTs turned off. None of these owner/operators realized their ELT was activated.

Please check. Trying to run down an ELT in your hangar may be keeping us from locating a real emergency.



ATC to aircraft: "You have traffic at 10 o'clock, six miles."

Aircraft to ATC: "Give us another hint—we've got digital watches."

Kalispell Area Frequency Decommissioning

The 123.6 MHz receive frequency associated with the Kalispell, Montana (FCA) VOR was decommissioned on September 5, 1980.

Pilot air/ground communication with the controlling Flight Service Station will only be available by transmitting 122.1 MHz and receiving on the Kalispell VOR frequency 108.4 MHz.

The pilot controlled Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System with Runway Alignment Indicator Lights (MALSR) will continue to be operated on 123.6 MHz. High Intensity 5 times, low 3.

The future possibility of a VHF simplex Remote Communication Outlet in the Kalispell area does exist, but is dependent upon fiscal budget priority and constraints.

Congressmen Ask for GAO Study

Sen. Charles Percy (R-Ill.) and Rep. Robert Whittaker (R-Kan.) have asked the General Accounting Office to investigate FAA's air traffic control system. Citing the number of radar outages, both said "doubts have been raised as to whether commercial aviation is as safe as it can possibly be." Rep. Whittaker has been complaining about safety problems in the ATC system and radar outages for eight months and recently participated in hearings on the subject before the House government activities and transportation subcommittee.

The two members of Congress asked Comptroller General Elmer Staats that GAO look into "personal problems within the agency (FAA)." Referring to the O'Hare radar outage the members also said in the letter, "We cannot afford to underestimate the danger to public safety posed by the lengthy breakdown of air traffic control computers at the busiest airport in the world."

Calendar

September 21 — White Sulphur Springs Airport Dedication and Breakfast Fly-In.

September 26 to 28 — Mountain Search Pilot Clinic, Kalispell. Contact the Division for details.

September 26 to 28 — North Dakota Flying Farmers Convention, Art Clair Motel, Devils Lake, N.D.

September 26 to October 5 — Montreal International Air Show. Mirable Int'l Airport, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Contact Nick Bonamy (514) 337-5500 for further details.

October 3 to 5 — Montana Flying Farmers Convention, Colonial Inn, Helena.

October 4 — Halloween Air Race.

October 17 to 19 — Saskatchewan 25th Annual Flying Farmers Convention. Hospitality Convention, Moose Jaw.

October 22 — FAA Aviation/Safety Meeting, Billings. See article, page 3.

October 28 to November 2 — AOPA Convention, San Diego, CA. Contact Harmon O. Pritchard (301) 951-3920 for details.

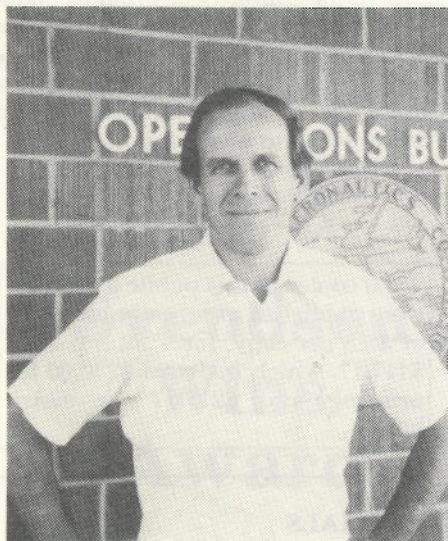
March 6, 7, & 8 — Flight Instructors Refresher Clinic, Helena

March 8 to 11 — NATA Convention, San Antonio. Contact NATA, Washington, D.C. (202) 965-8880 for details.



Frank and Rose Wiley were on hand to enjoy the Schafer Meadows Fly-in.

Pilot Proficiency Awards



By: Don Paul, FSDO
Accident Prevention Specialist

I would like to take a moment to again remind pilots about the Pilot Proficiency Award Program. The program is a non-regulatory approach to try and get pilots to do a little more than what is required by the regulations to stay current in flying. Here's how it works.

The Pilot Proficiency Award Program requires the pilot to take three (3) hours of dual flight instruction, plus attend a pilot safety meeting. Upon completion of the requirements, pilots are presented distinctive wings and a certificate of completion. The program runs in three phases with bronze, silver and gold wings issued for the different phases. For exact details refer to Advisory Circular 61-91.

The following people have done their part toward aviation safety and have received their Safe Pilot Wings:

Benjamin Mikaelson, Bozeman
Ila Wagner, Big Timber
Kenneth Baze, Butte
Allen McDonald, Billings
Donald Paul, Helena
Deborah Evinrude, Glendive
Leigh Aslakson, Billings
Theodore Tenneson, Helena
Walter Wallace, Billings

Herbert Hawk, Billings
Ralph Price, Helena
Gwendolyn Sharples, Chinook
Kenneth Kane, Florence
Edward Chinske, Havre
Dottie Friede, Chinook
Francis Truscott, Hamilton
Robert Jam, Jr., Billings
Van Robinson, Bigfork
John Rasmussen, Great Falls
Dennis Lively, Kalispell
Dale Sanford, Laurel
Ken Byers, Kalispell
Dick Grosswiler, Kalispell
Russell Larson, Kalispell
Harold Bouma, Choteau
Jeanne Adkins, Kalispell
Duane Hartmann, Whitefish
H.R. Cirsman, Stevensville
Fred Hartson, Havre

Remember, the best way to prevent an accident is to stay up to date and well informed.

CONGRATULATIONS! FAA Certificates Issued Recently to Pilots

PRIVATE

Lloyd Taylor, Butte
George Read, Lloyd
Serta Taylor, Great Falls
Lynn Erickson, Great Falls
Rodney Stevens, Kalispell
Carol Hammond, Stevensville
Michael Tilleman, Havre
Marie Works, Big Sandy
Danny Collins, Butte
Roy Fink, Butte
Lawrence Van Kleec, Havre
Charles Thoma, Kalispell
Julie Nelson, Kalispell
Richard Day III, Gallatin Gateway
John Peterson, Butte
Leroy Schoonover, Ronan (Instrument)
Jack Hiland, Ronan
Greg Nelson, Kalispell
Thomas Melton, Dillon
Jason Lynch, Missoula
David Daugherty, Butte
Merle Casey, Anaconda
Lyndon Amestoy, Missoula
Jean Landry, Hamilton
Richard Paris, Missoula
Daniel Runyon, Bozeman
Joel King, Noxon
Scott Neumann, Missoula
Alan Siegfried, Sidney
Dennis Weems, Billings
John Parker, Billings
Randy Strissel, Billings
Charles Hoefle, Billings
Mary McKamy, Billings
Terry Bierwiler, Billings
John Stevens, Billings
Donald Molen, Billings
Kenneth Bevin, Laurel
Joseph Busby, Columbia Falls

David Cano, Kalispell
Brad Haaland-Hanson, Gildford
Curtis Wetherell, Great Falls
Stanley Fenton, Sheridan
Larry Truchot, Great Falls
Sally Shortridge, Augusta
Brian Schumaker, Dutton
Ray Van De Reit, Fairfield
Knud Grosen, Big Sandy
Gregory Tolbert, Kalispell
Sterling Graeter, Kalispell
Lawrence O'Bledness, Libby
Robert Andren, Bozeman
Jack Bunn, Helena
Lawrence Hill, Raynesford
Russell Dahl, Dillon
Lloyd Schott, Butte
David Svendveld, Bloomfield
Norman Schulz, Sheridan
Gary Tuft, Helena
Thomas Crowder, Malta
Ronald Lebert, Kalispell
Gary Greenup, Helena
Robert Pennington, Helena
Lonnie Anderson, Bozeman
Randall Mayse, Great Falls
Donald Lincoln, Gildford
Robert Ebeling, Geraldine
Charles Redd, Valier
Russell Rap, Fairfield
Gary Christensen, Antelope
Kenneth James, Glasgow
David Castleberry, Glasgow
Daryl James, Great Falls
Donald Cervoski, Lewistown
Alene Albrecht, Billings
John Norris, Billings
Jeffery Strickland, Billings
Larry Blain, Joliet
Paul Thurmond, Butte

MULTI-ENGINE

Brent Vetter, Helena (Commercial)
Gerald May, Billings
Theodore Kopp, Glendive
Gary Roam, Billings (Commercial)
Glen White, Hysham (Commercial)
John Neafus, Billings (Commercial)
Allen Coomber, Billings (CFI)

COMMERCIAL

Robert Hylton, Billings
Stephen Duffy, Bozeman (Instru/Heli)
Guy Jensen, Dagmar
Stanley Monson, Billings
Ronald Stockdale, Billings (Instru)
Kevin McCann, Wolf Point
Robert Bonny, Butte (Heli)

INSTRUCTOR

Kenneth Byers, Kalispell (Renew)
William Martin, Bozeman (Renew)
Jerry Simpson, Helena (Renew)
George Garnett, Hamilton (Renew)
Jack Martinell, Butte (Renew)
Thomas Marchwick, Belgrade
John Chinchin, Whitefish (Renew)
James Prescott, Billings (Reinst)
Robert Tess, Great Falls
Allen Coomber, Billings (Add IR)
William Tubbs, Hamilton (Renew)

INSTRUMENT

Henry Butzel, Missoula
Robert McIver, Billings (Instruc)
Bruce Miklos, Billings
Delbert Sharbono, Clancy (PA/MEL)
Richard Henderson, Ennis (PA)



New Name

As of October 1 the GADO office names will be changed to FSDO (Flight Standards District Office). The name change was brought about since the district offices will now serve both general aviation and the air carriers. All of the district offices are a part of Flight Standards and it made sense to adopt the name.

Billings will be FSDO - 61.

Helena will be FSDO - 65.

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During the Aeronautics Board Meeting held at Schafer Meadows on July 26, 1980.

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